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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SLAUGHTER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 10, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:  
O God of all the living, at times You are silent or seem to be absent.

When we are busy or fully occupied, we often do not turn to You. But when we do seek Your presence or pray asking for an answer, You may be silent.

Sometimes You may draw back from our momentary attention just to make us pray all the more ardently and increase our desire for Your presence or refine our request.

Hopefully, when You break Your silence and speak to us or any Member of Congress, we will be ready to respond to Your inspiration and be prepared to do Your will.

Although we are not always faithful, You are faithful both now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HARE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HARE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3433. An act to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are founded under that Act, and for other purposes.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### HONORING GERALDINE JORDAN

(Mr. HARE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a member of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, Geraldine Hardman-Jordan of Moline, Illinois. And I would like to recognize her family who is sitting in the gallery with us this morning.

Madam Speaker, at the young age of 21, Geraldine was one of the first women in history trained to fly American military aircraft. Her call to serve

did not end after her military career. Geraldine also prevailed in her second battle, the one to achieve full veteran status for her WASP sisters.

Today, I also honor Geraldine as the mother of nine wonderful children and a community leader who advocated on behalf of several worthy causes.

Madam Speaker, later today, Geraldine and other WASP pioneers will be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their invaluable service more than 60 years ago. Unfortunately, Geraldine passed away in 2001 and cannot be here to receive the award in person, but I am very happy that her family will proudly represent her at the ceremony.

Madam Speaker, Geraldine is a true American hero and a great source of pride for the 17th Congressional District of Illinois, and I can think of no better recognition of her services to this country than the Congressional Gold Medal.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). The Chair will remind Members to refrain from referring to occupants of the gallery.

### AFGHANISTAN RETREAT RESOLUTION

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the House is considering today a dangerous resolution: the Afghanistan retreat. As a father of four sons in the military and as a former member of the 218th Brigade of the South Carolina National Guard, which served for a year in Afghanistan led by Major General Bob Livingston, I know we should trust our military leaders led by General David Petraeus and General Stanley McChrystal with

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